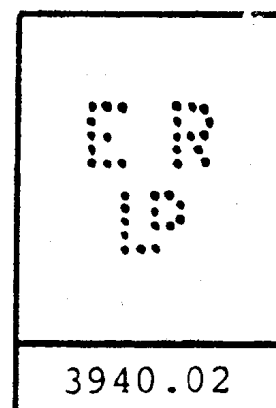


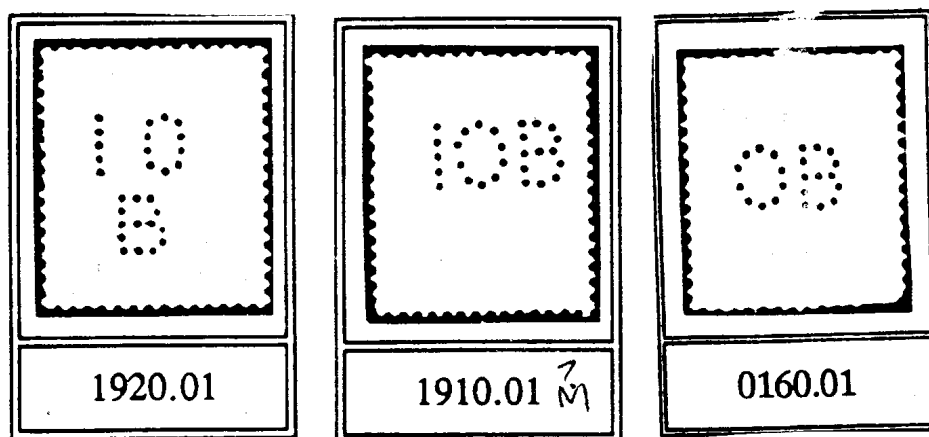
## MEMBERS' QUERIES/WANTS

The first four of these comes from our Secretary, **Dave Hill**.

- I have perfin E3940.02 (ER/Ld) with a "British Goods are Best" slogan postmark which was used in 1925 and 1926. It has a partial town postmark of CARD... which I assume is Cardiff. E3940.01 is a similar perfin but used c1952 by Evans & Reid Coal Co. Ltd., Shipbrokers. Can anyone confirm that Evans & Reid were about in 1926 so they could be possible users of the earlier perfin ?

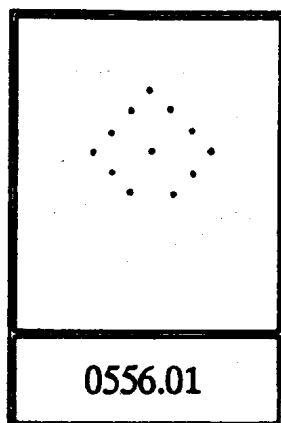


- I recently came across an accumulation of **IMPERIAL OTTOMAN BANK** perfins. They used "IO/B" from 1910-21 and just a straight "IOB" from 1921-30, even though they changed their name to plain Ottoman Bank in 1925. (This was some years after World War I when the Ottoman Empire collapsed.) From 1929-55 their die reflected this change and was just "OB". I have seen the "IOB" die on seahorses with two impressions so was it a multi die? Certainly, the "OB" die was, I have seen it on KGV1 commemoratives.

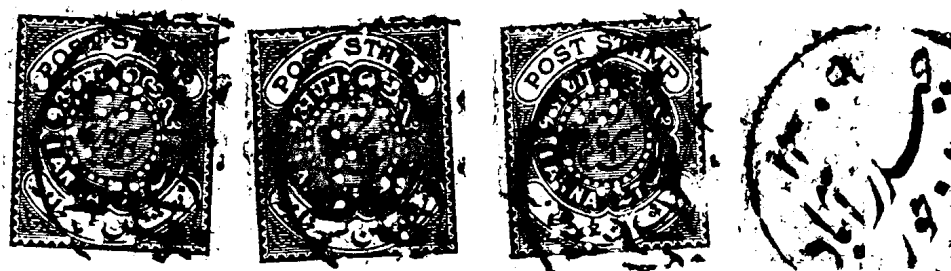


- **Design 05560.01 - Stop in Diamond** - has two users so I looked them up in Kelly's in PO Archives. *H Halford & Co*, 26 Change Alley is the earliest user, cover dated 23-3-81. They are listed in a 1880 Kelly's but not in the 1884. *G Ross & Co*, 80 Cornhill used the perfin on 13-3-83 and are listed in both the 1880 and 1884 Kelly's. Cornhill runs on one side of the Royal Exchange, where stockbrokers did business. Change Alley is actually Exchange Alley, shortened, and runs behind the Exchange. No real conclusions apart from the fact

they were near neighbours and both were Stockbrokers. So it might have been a takeover or borrowing of stamps when one firm was out of stock. If you have covers for either of these firms, with the design perfin Des 0556.01, please write in with details, or in fact, any information relevant to the firms. Why the use of this particular design? The Editor has the G Ross 1883 cover and there is no logo on the cover to suggest a possible link.



**What Is It?** I came across another foreign perfin which must have a story worth telling in the Bulletin. Do you know anything about it? The stamps are tile 1871-1909 issue of Hyderabad with the perfin "S.J.E." (The reproduction leaves something to be desired.) Again the postmark in native script hides the date and place of use. India was early with stamps with the "Scinde Dawkes" in 1852 although these perfins may date from the end of the period of issue.



**Stephen Steere** has found a part identity on piece for die G.F (G1720.01). The stamp is postmarked Liverpool on 29 Aug 1902. Can anyone complete the details to uncover the full name and address? I have G. Fl---- , 56 Victor(ia St?), Telephone no. 1175.